(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the specific steps being taken to encourage and highlight movement of tourists in the country?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance to State Governments for setting up tourist complexes, wayside amenities, Yatri Niwases, Yatrikas, Restaurant, Cafetaria, Public Conveniences, purchase of adventure sports equipments etc. for the growth of internal torusim for encouraging national integration.

Better utilisation of airports in Andhra Pradesh

496. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the location of under-utilised airports in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the proposals under Government's consideration to ensure better utilisation of airports in that state?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) In Andhra Pradesh, three airports at Cuddapah, Donakonda and Warrangal are lying unused. There is no proposal from any operator for starting air services to these airports.

Upgradation of Hyderabad Airport

497. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proposals under Government's consideration to improve and upgrade Hyderabad Airport; and

(b) whether better arrangements would be made for the workers returning from the middle east?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Hyderabad airport is intended to be brought to international standards. The work for expansion of the existing terminal building providing separate domestic and international blocks is in progress. Instruments Landing System (as replacement), Airport Surveillance Radar and Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radar are also under installation.

New Policy for promoting tourism in the country

498. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started "tourism incentive, 1994" a new policy for promotion of tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State- wise;

(c) whether priority is proposed to be given to projects covering tourist resorts, training institutions, sports incentives, amusement parks, etc; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Hotels, Resorts and tourism related activities are eligible for various fiscal benefits according to the existing statutes.

Setting up of huge capms in Hilly Cities

499. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide an alternative to traditional hotel tourism in croweded hilly cities by setting up huge camps there; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Government has a